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I – Book Program ‘The Elusive Quest for Growth...’

To mark the **International Day for Poverty Eradication**, the US Embassy in Côte d’Ivoire, organized a conference based on the Nouveaux Horizons title ‘*The Elusive Quest for Growth: Economists Adventures and Misadventures in the Tropics*’. More than 100 participants, including the President of the National Assembly, ministers, ambassadors, members of parliament, economists, NGO leaders, academia, and media professionals actively participated in discussing the book.

The DCM, Mrs. Cynthia Akuetteh’s welcomed the participants. This was followed by a summary of the book by the moderator, Dr. Kodjo Marie-Paule. The moderator and two panelists Mr. Louis Amedé and Mr. Doho Simon, engaged the participants in discussing key aspects of the book, which resonate with Côte d’Ivoire’s economic development.

The IMF Resident Representative stated that good governance is the key to economic growth. Most of the comments from the audience focused on the need for positive and active change in addressing poverty in Africa. Participants unanimously agreed that debt bondage trap and corruption are major hindrances to social development. They emphasized that the successful implementation of development and poverty reduction projects is dependent on factors, such as collaboration and coordination among decision makers, active participation by rural communities as well as the involvement of youth. The participants also noted that institutions and regulations to monitor accountability and corruption are critical for economic development in all of Africa.

The leader of the National Womens’ Caucus commented that civic education, entrepreneurship are also priorities for sustainable economic development and poverty eradication. The audience welcomed the offer by a university professor to introduce this book as part of the curriculum for graduate students taking course in social economy planning.

The event was widely covered and reported on by local press as well as the national TV and radio stations.

Enjoy reading the pictorial history....



DCM Mrs. Cynthia
Akuetteh



Partial view of the
participants. Frontline:
Women Leaders including



Partial view of the audience
including Ambassador
Niamien Yao and Honorable



Panelists from left to right:
Mr. Doho, Dr. Kodjo and Mr.
Louis Amede



Active participation from the
audience.



President Koulibaly quoting a
statement from the book.

II - The ROTARACT Club Atlantis visited the Embassy

On Friday October 19, the Embassy welcomed forty members of the ROTARACT Club for an Immersion Session. The program consisted of a PowerPoint presentation of the Information Resource Center's (IRC) resources, programs, and services. It also included a guided tour of the IRC, which provided access to participants to view the IRC's printed as well as online resources. The visitors were most impressed by the IIP web chat station.

The ROTARACT team leader expressed gratitude for the gift of Nouveaux Horizons books and IIP e-journals '*World Youth Building a Future*' and '*Giving: US Philanthropy*'. He encouraged the ROTARACT members to build up their leadership capacity through '*The Contrarian's Guide to Leadership*' and '*The Elusive Quest for Growth*'. In parting the participants subscribed for the IRC E-service.

Please read the pictorial history!!!



A Powerpoint presentation of the resources and services



The IRCA marketing the Embassy Home page



Mr. Digbohoul, the Educational Advisor giving an overview of US Higher Education



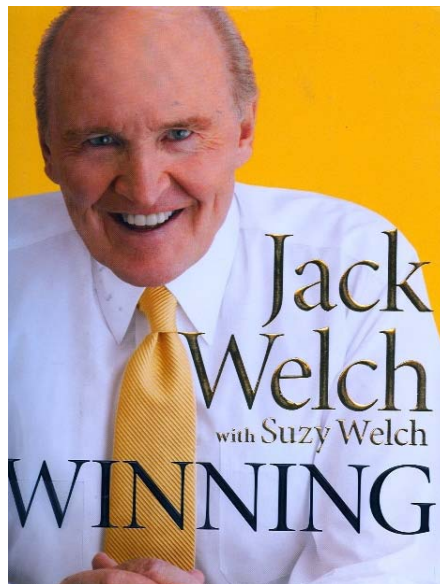
Working session on the IIP Webchat



ROTARACT members presenting the certificate to the IRCA

III - COMING SOON!
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OCTOBER 25TH @ 2:30 PM
Venue: IRC #103

IRC Seminars – Maximize Knowledge @ Work
6th Edition



Your Seminar is scheduled for Thursday October 25 from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM. This important seminar is conducted by specialists in leadership and management don't miss it ...

Do you want to become a true winner?
Do you want to succeed in both professional career and personal life?
If yes!!! Please join us on Thursday October 25 at 2:30 PM in the IRC.

Books are available in the IRC. Just call us to get a copy!!!!